

friend Merced County Sheriff-Coroner Tom Sawyer. Today, Tom retires after 34 years as a peace officer. True to his nature, he is only stepping aside from one venture to begin another.

I have had the privilege of working with Tom on a wide variety of issues since his earlier service with the California Highway Patrol. He is a respected member of the law enforcement community and is known for his dedication to the community.

Tom has worked on many statewide issues. He serves on the California State Board of Corrections and was instrumental in establishing the Central Valley High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, where he continues to serve as the Intelligence Committee chairman. Since becoming sheriff he has overseen a department that has grown by leaps and bounds.

He has been successful working with the COPs program to put more deputies on the street. He has worked tirelessly to expand the presence of the Merced County Sheriff's Department to transform his vision of improved correctional facilities and the department's relationship with the community. He has done each of these remarkably well.

One prime example is the Explorer Scouts program. When he began his tenure as sheriff, the group consisted of 8 members. Now, I am proud to report to my colleagues, the program thrives with more than 150 outstanding young men and women. Volunteerism is up and through Tom's leadership new substations help secure and ensure the safety of our communities. He has guided the department through growth in many areas including an impressive search and rescue system on land, water and in the air.

Mr. Speaker, Tom's career as Merced County Sheriff-Coroner is distinguished. He has set standards for others to follow. He will be missed. I am proud to call him my friend and would ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise and join me in thanking him for a job well done and wishing him the best in his retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING LEE JOHNSON

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lee Johnson for being named Citizen of the Year. The Fowler Chamber of Commerce will present the award to Lee Johnson at Fowler's annual Community Recognition Banquet.

Lee has been a business owner in Fowler since 1946, when he bought Star Cash Grocery. Several years later he bought Brady's Store and changed the name to Lee's Market. Lee's Market has been a Fowler landmark ever since. The old store building burned down in 1991. Lee, who was 80 years old at the time, decided to rebuild the store along with two adjacent office spaces. The new building stands as a great source of commerce in the middle of Fowler.

Lee has been involved with several professional and community organizations including:

Fowler Merchants Association, Fowler Chamber of Commerce, 4-H, Fowler Grange, the new Youth Grange, Fowler Police Department's Volunteers in Patrol Program, Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Lions Club, Fresno County Crippled Children's Fund, and the Presbyterian Church of Fowler.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lee Johnson for his Citizen of the Year Award presented by the Fowler Chamber of Commerce. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Lee Johnson many more years of continued success.

#### HONORING DR. DOUGLAS X. PATIÑO

### HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend an exemplary and truly outstanding public educator who has contributed enormously to the success of many minority and other students in the California public education institutions. Dr. Douglas X. Patiño recently retired from California State University-Long Beach as Vice Chancellor, University Advancement. As Vice Chancellor he brought the CSU from its infancy in development to a position of leadership in California, exceeding fundraising records among comparable institutions. It is truly a proud honor to recognize today the outstanding contributions this gentleman has made in education and public service.

Dr. Patiño has served in numerous positions in education and state government, including executive positions in the cabinets of Governor Bruce Babbitt of Arizona and Governor Jerry Brown of California. He also serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the New Partnerships Foundation and The Patiño Group in San Rafael, California.

His community service activities include currently serving as Trustee of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation in Flint, Michigan; President Clinton's appointee to the Enterprise for the Americas Board in Washington, DC; as a Board Member of the Centro Mexicano Para La Filantropia, Mexico, D.F.; The California Wellness Foundation, Woodlands Hills, California and The Campanile Foundation in San Diego. He is a leader in developing philanthropic services along the US/Mexican border. When he was President of Hispanics in Philanthropy and a member of the Council of Foundations, he introduced international foundations to border issues. His foundation, the New Partnerships Foundation, is an active supporter of a childcare center in Tijuana, BC, Mexico.

Throughout his career, Dr. Patiño has received multiple honors and awards for his work and devotion to public service including being named as one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics (1995, 1997 and 1998) Hispanic Business; The Azteca Award for Public Service to United States Farm Worker Families, California Human Development Corp. of Santa Rosa; The Leadership and Public Service Award, United Way of the Bay Area and Na-

tional Concilio of America; Chair of the Board of Directors of Hispanics in Philanthropy and presented with The Outstanding Leadership Award by the American Public Welfare Association, Washington DC.

More importantly, Dr. Patiño has been an inspiration, motivator and a friend to many would-be students. He has helped many of these students achieve great educational goals and served as a mentor and financial supporter as well. Dr. Patiño has taken students into his heart and his home, helping them to make their way through to a better life.

Dr. Patiño, his wife Barbara, his son Viktor, who recently graduated from California State University, Long Beach and is now working for the State of California Parks and Recreation Department, are long time friends and I sincerely wish them every possible success in their future endeavors.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

### HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the South Mountain Restoration Center in South Mountain, Pennsylvania, and to pay tribute to a century of service provided to the people of south central Pennsylvania.

Nestled in the heart of Pennsylvania's Blue Ridge Mountains and straddling the Adams and Franklin County lines, the South Mountain Restoration Center was established at the turn of the 20th Century as a hospital dedicated to the treatment of tuberculosis. The devoted medical staff at the Dr. Samuel G. Dixon Tuberculosis Hospital, as it was known until the mid-1960s, have cared for tuberculosis patients, World War I soldiers who were victims of poison gas, and the mentally ill.

The tuberculosis epidemic in the United States necessitated the state-of-the-art medical care that the hospital provided. At the peak from 1938 through 1940, there were over 1,200 TB patients residing in the hospital on any given day. Prior to the discovery of antibiotics, the only treatments for tuberculosis were fresh air, sunshine, and exercise—three things the hospital provided in abundance.

The 300 acres of land also housed a children's hospital or "preventorium." Established in 1938, the "preventorium" sought to prevent the full-blown development of tuberculosis in children who had been exposed to the disease by their families. Many of these children came to the hospital underweight and malnourished, increasing their chances of contracting tuberculosis. By removing them from environments in which tuberculosis was prevalent, and providing them with nutritious food, fresh air, and excellent care, these children were spared the devastating effects of this terrible disease.

After the introduction of antibiotics in the 1950s, TB was largely eradicated in this country. In 1968, The Dr. Samuel G. Dixon Tuberculosis Hospital was renamed the South